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CREDITON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER 1972

CREDITON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,
Union Terrace,
Crediton,
Devon.

29th November, 1973.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for 1972.

This report indicates a satisfactory state of affairs in the District.

Good progress has been made in the matters of sewerage and many improvements made to private housing.

It is noteworthy that there was no infant mortality in the District throughout the year.

Yours faithfully,

L.N. Jackson.
Medical Officer of Health.

CREDITON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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SECTION A.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area	93,370 acres.
Population	10,300
Rateable Value at 21.12.72	£640,806-00
No. of separate dwellings at 21.12.72	3679
Business premises with living accommodation at 21.12.72	71
Local Authority dwellings at 31.3.72	646

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR 1972

	TOTAL	M	F
Live Births	141	68	73
Crude rate per 1,000 population	13.7		
Ratio of local adjusted burth rate to national rate	1.06		
Illegitimate Live Births	7	3	4
	5% of total live births.		
Stillbirths	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	0		
Total live and still births	141		
Infant Deaths (under 1 year of age)	Nil	0	0

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total infant deaths per 1,000 live births	Nil
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	Nil
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil

Neo-natal Mortality Rate.

(Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births.)	Nil

Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate

(Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)	Nil

Peri-natal Mortality Rate.

(Still births and deaths under one week combined. per 1,000 total live and still births)	Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate (including abortion)

Number of deaths	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total still and live births	Nil

Deaths (all ages)	145	73	72
Crude rate per 1,000 home population	14.1		
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate	1.05		

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1972 IN THE RURAL DISTRICT OF CREDITON

CAUSE OF DEATH.	SEX	All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over.
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus.	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate.	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms.	M	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
	F	8	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	4	2
Diabetes Mellitus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hypertensive Disease.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease.	M	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	10	7
	F	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	7
Other forms of Heart Disease.	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3
	F	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	9
Cerebrovascular Disease.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	9
Other diseases of Circulatory system.	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema.	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Asthma	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peptic Ulcer.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of Digestive system.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

CAUSE OF DEATH.	SEX	All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks & under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal system.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Symptoms and Ill defined conditions.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	73	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	3	8	26	32
	F	72	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	6	21	41

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

AGE GROUP	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Paratyphoid	Dysentery	Meningococcal Infection	Puerperal Pyrexia	Acute Encephalitis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Erysipelas	Acute Poliomyelitis	Food Poisoning	Infective Jaundice
Under 1				1											
1 Year				2											
2 Years				1											
3 Years				4											
4 Years				4											
5 - 9 Years				30											
10 - 14 Years				9											
15 - 24 Years				2											1
25 and over				5											
Age unknown															
Totals				58											1

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1972

AGE GROUP	NEW/CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 and over	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

(I) Nursing Service.
Care of Mothers and Young Children

This service is provided through resident district nurses and health visitors employed by Devon County Council.

(2) Laboratory Facilities

Laboratory examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Department of Pathology, Wonford, Exeter.

(3) Tuberculosis and Mass Radiography

There is a clinic at Ivybank, Exeter.

A mobile mass radiography unit visits the Market Street Car Park, Crediton.

(4) Infectious Diseases

Most cases are nursed at home, but if necessary they can be removed to the hipton Isolation Hospital.

(5) Ambulances.

There are no ambulances maintained in this district. There is a depot with ambulances manned by the Red Cross at Crediton.

(6) Meals on Wheels

There is a Meals on Wheels service operated by the W.V.S. Meals are provided by the Devon County Council kitchen at Crediton and distributed by members of the W.V.S. The service now extends to most of the District.

(7) Health Education, Mental Health and Chiropody Services

These services are provided and administered by Devon County Council. They continue to function satisfactorily.

(8) Scheme for Notification to M.O.H. of Congenital Defects apparent at Birth

No action under this scheme at present.

(9) Action taken in contact tracing in the Control of Venereal Disease.

No action has been necessary.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Sewerage

Work continued on the Copplestone/Yeoford regional sewerage scheme throughout the year.

Work started on three sewerage scehemes for the villages of Coldridge, Poughill and Wembworthy.

The Copplestone/Yeoford works will be of the traditional type, with settling tanks and aerobic filters.

The works at Coldridge, Poughill and Wembworthy will be of the modern mechanical package type. The plant to be used is the "BioDisc" by Messrs Ames Crosta.

The tender prices for the above schemes were:-

Copplestone/Yeoford	-	£531,428-27
Coldridge	-	£ 45,936-62
Poughill	-	£ 50,006-01
Wembworthy	-	£ 41,732-59

At the years end, plans were in hand for improvements to the Lapford treatment works.

Water Supply - Public

Water from the N.D.W.B. mains is available in all villages and hamlets and to most areas throughout the district. A wholesome and continuous supply was maintained throughout the year.

During June complaint of discolouration was received from residents in the Cheriton Fitzpaine area. This was rectified by flushing mains in the area.

Thirty bacteriological samples were taken from the N.D.W.B. mains supply by officials of the N.D.W.B. Three samples were unsatisfactory, but proved to be satisfactory on re-sampling.

Nine samples were taken from the emergency source at Dugford Quarry, Lapford. This source was utilised during the Summer peak demand period.

New water mains were laid as follows:-

Crediton Hamlets (Yeoford) - Diversion of existing main re new sewage works. 99 yds 6" diameter P.V.C.
Lapford (Highfield Estate) - New housing development. 34 yds 4" diameter spun iron. 90 yds 3" diameter spun iron.
Shobrooke - New Council Estate. 92 yds 3" diameter spun iron.

It is not the policy of the N.D.W.B. to add fluoride to the water supply.

Bow Parish Supply

Officials of Devon County Council took eight samples from this supply. One unsatisfactory sample was investigated. The contamination was found to be associated with maintenance work which was being carried out at the time of sampling.

Water Supply - Private

Two samples were taken from private wells which it was proposed to use for domestic purposes. Both these samples were found to be highly satisfactory.

Two cases came to the attention of this office, of wells subject to contamination from farming operations. In both instances the properties concerned have been connected to the N.D.W.B.

A sample taken from a farmhouse in connection with an improvement grant enquiry was found to be grossly contaminated. This property has also been connected to the N.D.W.B. main supply.

A total of three water samples was submitted for examination.

School Swimming Pools

Five schools in this district have swimmin, pools. Twelve water samples were taken and advisory/supervisory visits made by officials of Devon County Council.

Public Health Complaints

One complaint concerned a farm worker who was keeping several breeding sows and their progeny immediately adjoining an occupied cottage. The pig keeper was interviewed and discontinued this practice.

The unexpected deaths of a farm workers pet dog, budgerigar and gerbil were investigated, with assistance from the Solid Fuel Advisory Service and a local veterinary surgeon. The deaths were attributed to carbon monoxide poinoning due to a faulty flue pipe. The faulty pipe has now been replaced with a modern twin wall insulated metal flue pipe.

Instances came to the attention of this office, of contamination of the highway by effluent from an intensive pig rearing unit and by manure from a battery poultry unit. The farmers concerned were interviewed with satisfactory results.

NUMBER OF HOUSES AND POPULATION SUPPLIED FROM PUBLIC WATER MAINS
(ESTIMATED)

	DIRECT INTO HOUSES		STAND PIPE	
	DWELLINGS	POPULATION	DWELLINGS	POPULATION
BOW.....Parish Supply	92	276		
BOW.....N.D.W.B.	144	432		
BRUSHFORD "	15	45		
CHAWLEIGH "	138	414		
CHERITON BISHOP "	166	498		
CHERITON FITZPAINE "	147	411	1	0
CLANNABOROUGH "	5	15		
COLDRIDGE "	78	234	1	2
COLEBROOKE "	125	375		
CREDITON HAMLETS "	266	798		
DOWN ST. MARY "	108	324		
EGGESFORD "	24	72		
HITTISLEIGH "	23	69		
KENNERLEIGH "	21	63		
LAPFORD "	215	645	1	0
MORCHARD BISHOP "	303	909	2	4
NEWTON ST. CYRES "	300	900		
NYMET ROWLAND "	30	90		
POUGHILL "	41	123		
PUDDINGTON "	32	96		
SANDFORD "	280	840	1	0
SHOBROOKE "	118	354		
STOCKLEIGH ENGLISH "	15	45		
STOCKLEIGH POMEROY "	31	93		
THELBRIDGE "	48	144		
UPTON HELLIONS "	12	36		
WASHFORD PYNE "	20	60		
WEMBWORTHY "	61	183		
WOOLFARDISWORTHY "	40	120		
ZEAL MONACHORUM "	79	237		
TOTALS	2977	8901	6	6

Caravan Site and Control of Development Act 1960 and Tented Camping Sites

At 31st December 1972 there were five licensed caravan sites in this district. No new caravan licenses were issued during the year. The licensed sites comprise five individual residential sites and a single site for six touring vans.

Five sites were issued with certificates issued under Paragraph 5 of the above Act.

Two long established, but unlicensed sites received a limited number of towing vans and tents during the summer.

A number of rural sites were used by tourists under conditions which do not require planning approval or site licensing. The exact number of these sites is not known.

During 1972 planning approval was given for the use of a field for holiday tenting only, at Woodland Head. The owner constructed a temporary sanitary/welfare block, and installed septic tank drainage. The planning permission was for a period of five years and for this reason a temporary wooden sanitary/welfare block was considered adequate.

Refuse Collection and Scavenging

The weekly kerbside collection of refuse by contract labour continued, and the special summer service for emptying litter bins and for cleaning up laybys along the main holiday routes was again implemented.

The two tips, at Sutton Quarry, Sandford and Perry, Cheriton Fitzpaine, continued in use and were available for the use of householders in this district. Unwanted vehicles and other bulky refuse is dealt with at Sutton Quarry. A local dairy firm was found to be tipping liquid waste at Sutton Quarry. This practice was considered undesirable and has now ceased.

Arrangements were contined for the scavenging of village streets by part time labour at Bow, Newto St. Cyres, Lapford and orchard Bishop, Chawleigh and Sandfo rd.

Vermin Control

Warfarin based rodenticide continued to be supplied free of charge for domestic premises and at cost price for farmers and business premises. Advice and practical assistance was given in connection with rat infestations at eight premises.

The Councils sewers were test baited and again found to be free from rats.

Civic Amenities Act.

Two derelict cars were dealt with informally. No other abandoned vehicles came to the attention of this office.

Animal Boarding Establishment Act

One kennels, one cattery and one combined kennels/cattery were relicensed. One new kennels establishment was constructed and licensed after full consultation with this office.

All the premises were inspected and found satisfactory.

Slaughterhouses

Slaughterhouse licenses for the following premises were renewed:-

Messrs. F.L. Lake & Sons, Lapford.
Messrs. D. Stevens & Son, Copplestone.

Work on the new premises at Copplestone continued throughout the year. Progress was hampered by inclement weather, and a high ground water level, during the early part of the year. The shortage of skilled labour was also a contributory factor to slow progress.

Slaughter of Animals Act 1958

18 annual licences to slaughter animals were issued.

Petroleum Acts

New commercial petrol tanks were installed and approved at Cheriton Bishop.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

At the end of the year 19 premises with a total of 48 employees were registered. The majority of the employees, of whom 41 were females, are in catering trades. Seventeen visits were made in connection with this act, and three premises received a full inspection. No serious contraventions were noted.

No premises were added to, or deleted from the register.

Since the act came into force no accidents have been notified.

Factories Act

Prescribed Particulars of the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by public health inspectors).

PREMISES	Number on Register	NUMBER OF		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority.	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	37	6	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (excluding out-workers premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTALS	38	6	Nil	Nil

Cases in which defects were found:-

	No of c es in which defects were found				No of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED TO H.M.I.	FROM H.M.I.	
Lack of Cleanliness (Section 1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (Section 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (Section 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage (Section 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (Section 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (Section 7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
T O T A L	-	1	-	-	-

OUTWORK Section 133 and 134, Factories Act 1961

There are no factories in this district which employ outworkers. This office has been notified of 2 outworkers employed on wearing apparel.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The public lavatories at The Arrow, Bow and Checkers, Cheriton Bishop, again filled an essential need throughout the year. The use was particularly heavy during the tourist season.

The proprietors of the The Arrow Cafe and Checkers Filling Station were responsible for the routine cleaning, maintenance and surveillance of these conveniences.

HOUSING

Housing Act 1957

As the result of informal action forty three sub-standard properties were made fit.

Two unfit cottages were demolished following formal action under planning legislation.

New Housing

Twenty six new dwellings were provided by private enterprise.

This Council completed five one-bedroom bungalows, eight two-bedroom and five three bedroom dwellings.

Improvements to Council Houses

The following works were carried out during 1972.

1 & 2 Council Houses, Hittisleigh - New upstairs bathrooms, partial central heating, modernisation of kitchen, thermal insulation and general maintenance work etc.

1 & 2 Sunnyside, Sandford - Modernisation of kitchen, renewal of plumbing, thermal insulation, partial central heating, general maintenance etc.

Hillcrest, Shobrooke - Complete renovation of cob/thatch cottage, including new bathroom, central heating, modern kitchen, damp proofing, two new bedrooms and general maintenance.

Improvements to Private Property
Discretionary Grants.

Corresponding figures for 1971 are bracketed

	Owner occupied dwellings.	Other dwellings.	Total
Applications received.	32 (12)	27 (13)	59 (25)
Applications approved.	33 (10)	28 (11)	61 (21)
Applications refused.	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Completed and paid.	14 (6)	13 (4)	27 (10)

The total amount paid in discretionary grants was £32,620-25.
(£ 7,380-50.)

Standard Grants.

	Owner occupied dwellings.	Other dwellings.	Total
Applications received.	9 (13)	0 (3)	9 (16)
Applications approved.	10 (13)	0 (4)	10 (17)
Applications refused.	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Completed and paid.	16 (23)	4 (7)	20 (30)

Total amount paid in standard grants £5,235-11
(£4,834-00)

Housing Act 1969 - Qualification Certificates.

Improvement Cases

Certificates of provisional approval issued - Nil.
Qualification Certificate issued under Section 46(3) - Three.

Cases where all standard amenities already exist.

Qualification Certificate issued under Section 45(2) - Nil.

Housing Act 1961

Houses in Multiple Occupation

This office is not aware of any houses in multiple occupation, requiring action under this act.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are no common lodging houses in this district.

Overcrowding

The one case of overcrowding known to this office, was abated by the construction of additional bedrooms to a council owned property at Shobrooke.

FOOD HYGIENE GENERAL

Twenty visits were made in connection with Food Hygiene.

These premises inspected were generally found to be satisfactory.

The kitchen was reconstructed and a dining room built on at one public house.

The kitchen of a licensed restaurant was improved and new toilet constructed.

Unsound food complaint

A holiday maker complained that a sausage roll, purchased from a cafe in this district was mouldy.

The offending sausage roll was forwarded to this office and was found to be mouldy, but there was a considerable delay between the purchase of the sausage roll and its arrival at this office. The cafe concerned was inspected and the appropriate advice given to the proprietor. No formal action was taken.

The liquid Eggs (Pasteurisation) Regs 1963

There are no pasteurisation plants or egg packers in this district. There are of course several large scale producers.

Brucella Abortus

40 samples of milk were taken in this district by the Staff of Devon County Council Health Department. No samples were positive.

Food Hygiene (General Regulations) 1960

	Number.	Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16	Premises to which Reg. 19 applies.	Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Grocers and General Stores.	35	35	29	29
Licensed premises.	25	25	25	25
Cafe/Restaurant.	11	11	11	11
Butchers.	6	6	6	6
Confectionery Kiosks at garages.	4	4	0	0
Factory Canteen.	1	1	1	1
Bakery.	1	1	1	1
T O T A L	83	83	73	73

MEAT INSPECTION

All meat killed at Copplestone and Lapford Slaughterhouses was inspected.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned 1972

	Cattle ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed.	6000	50	63	50829	11743
Number inspected.	6000	50	63	50829	11743
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci.					
Whole carcases condemned.	1	8	10	91	24
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	816	26	3	1105	381
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis & cysticerci.	13.62	68.00	20.63	2.35	3.45
Cysticercocis.					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	** 2 **	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	41
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	0.40

** ** Two degenerative lesions which could have been C. Bovis were encountered. The degeneration was considered too advanced to permit positive identification. The affected parts were destroyed and the remainder released as recommended in Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Circular FSI 30/66 Paragraph 12.

The majority of the animals which were wholly condemned were emergency slaughtered "casualties".

Poultry Inspection

Ministry of Health and Social Security, Circular 1/17 Para. 9 (c)

There is one major poultry processing unit in this district. It is operated in connection with a poultry rearing unit on a large local farm. The poultry dealt with is specifically bred for table purposes no laying birds are dealt with.

Birds are plucked on a modern system, using mechanical equipment and despatched ungutted. Killing is normally restricted to two days per week.

During the year eight visits were made by officers of this department.

It is estimated that 120,000 chickens average weight 4½ lb and 5,400 turkeys average weight 17 lb. were killed at the premises referred to above. The owners have advised that some 0.5% of the poultry killed was rejected for human consumption.

I am not aware of any other premises where regular large scale slaughtering takes place.

Occasional poultry slaughtering does occur at various agricultural premises throughout the district, particularly in the Christmas season. Regular inspection is not considered practical under present conditions.